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A “Flurry” of Activity Planned This Summer

At Last, Weather and Events Heat Up!

It's been a long, cold, snowy winter, but spring has finally arrived. This past season really pushed the borough's road crews and equipment to the limit. More salt and cinders were used this year than the past several years combined.



BUDDY TOUCHINSKY
Council President

Other than being over budget in overtime hours and road materials, we made it through without any major problems. I'm sure everyone is looking forward to the warmer weather.

Along with that warmer weather comes the chance to get outdoors and enjoy all our borough has to offer. The borough's gratitude goes to the Orwigsburg Lions Club membership for the work it does to keep Albright's Woods and the walking trail in nice condition for all to enjoy.

Several events over the next few months offer residents of all ages a chance to enjoy various activities. This weekend, May 10-11 features the annual Fish Rodeo at Fisher's Dam. The following Saturday, May 17, Orwigsburg will be abuzz with the annual Community Yard Sale ... homeowners and businesses wanting to participate should e-mail Michele Rudloff at rudloff1313@comcast.net or contact Borough Hall.

YARD SALE SAT., MAY 17

Want to get rid of some old gems, participate in a community event, and earn a little extra money? Register now to take part in Orwigsburg's third annual Community Yard Sale on Sat., May 17. The Borough will publish a list of participants and a map to indicate those residents hosting yard sales that day.

Register your sale by calling Orwigsburg Borough Hall at 570-366-3103 or e-mail Michele Rudloff at rudloff1313@comcast.net.



The Memorial Day parade and services will be held on the square Monday, May 26, beginning at 8 a.m. Don't forget the traditional Lions Club chicken barbecue later at Community Memorial Hall from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The first of this summer's Square Time events gets underway on June 12 with a June Bug Jamboree theme “on the square.”

All of these events give everyone an opportunity to get out, meet and socialize with other members of our community, while supporting local businesses and organizations. The Memorial Day events also help us to show our pride and support for all those in the armed services, past and present. Please come out and show your support.

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Square Time

The Orwigsburg Business and Professional Association (OBPA) and its Community Revitalization Committee are proud to announce the third annual Square Time events. These special event nights are held “on the square” in Orwigsburg and are a great community gathering opportunity for neighbors to chat, families to enjoy a fun night out, and to showcase businesses and talented residents. In the event of inclement weather, activities may move to the Veterans Community Memorial Hall on Grove Street.

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**FISHING
RODEO**
May 10 & 11
at Fisher's Dam



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Memorial Day chicken barbeque

Make plans now to join family, friends and neighbors at the annual Memorial Day chicken barbeque hosted by the Orwigsburg Lions Club! A decoration day tradition, the barbeque will be held in the Orwigsburg Veterans Community Memorial Hall, Grove and North Washington streets, Monday, May 26, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Each dinner includes a generous portion of deli-

cious, freshly grilled barbecued chicken, a baked potato, corn, coleslaw, a cold drink and ice cream. Tickets are \$8 each and can be purchased from any Orwigsburg Lions Club member. Tickets are also available in advance at Healthy Habits Natural Market, Rt. 61 Orwigsburg, and will be available for walk-ins on Memorial Day. Choose to dine in at Memorial Hall (which now features upgraded bathrooms and air-conditioning) or take-out is available. Don't wait too long to purchase your tickets. Last year was a sell-out!



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Orwigsburg Borough Council meets the First and Second Wednesday of each month beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, second floor of the Orwigsburg Municipal Building, 209 North Warren Street.

Both meetings are open to the public. A Work Session for discussions and setting of an agenda takes place on the First Wednesday each month. The Business Meeting is then held on the Second Wednesday.

Fishing Rodeo

The 24th annual Orwigsburg Children's Fishing Rodeo will be held Saturday and Sunday, May 10-11 this year for children 15 and under. Fisher's Dam will be stocked with over 500 fish and there will be prizes for tagged fish. Each child participating will receive a hot dog and drink. The existence of this rodeo relies on donations from community members and local businesses. Anyone interested in more information can contact the OCFR committee at 570-294-8978.

Lions get Champion Award

The Orwigsburg Lions Club was recently presented with the state Recreation and Parks Society Community Champion Award. This award recognizes individuals or groups, through their volunteer commitment, that have made an outstanding and significant contribution to their community. The Lions Club was selected for its dedicated work investing in the construction and maintenance of a 1.5 mile walking trail and the Albright's Woods facilities.



Orwigsburg Lions Club president Nicholas Bagdonis (right) receives the award from William Wert, Recreation and Parks Society board president.

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Fishing license buttons

The Pennsylvania fishing license button has been reintroduced by the Pa. Fish & Boat Commission. This custom button is similar to those offered by the commission in the 1930s through 1950s. Each button measures 1-3/4 inches with a high-quality pin-back design and features the angler's identification number (CID), same as the number displayed on a paper license. As the result of recent regulation, so long as the angler is carrying a valid paper license, a valid button is the only display required.



This optional button is \$5 through the commission's online store at www.gonefishingpa.com. The purchase of an annual, multi-year or lifetime fishing license is required in order to purchase a license button, though the button is not a requirement in addition to the license.

Pennsylvania trout stocking schedules are available for this year's trout season by visiting Orwigsburg Borough Hall, Rep. Jerry Knowles's district offices, or by calling 570-668-1240.

Food Drive

The Postal Workers Food Drive and collection to benefit the Orwigsburg Area Food Pantry will be held May 10. Help the local pantry and those in need by

placing non-perishable food items in a bag at your mailbox for your postal carrier to pick up. The post office, the Orwigsburg Area Food Pantry, and all those who are served thank you.

Obey emergency signals

Called the Traffic-Control Devices Warning of Hazardous Conditions Law, in effect as of September 2012, makes it illegal to drive around or through signs or traffic control devices closing a road or highway due to hazardous conditions, such as flooded roadways. A conviction for violation of this law results in two points added to your driving record and a fine of up to \$250. Additionally, if emergency responders are called out because of your actions, the fine is increased to up to \$500 and you will be held liable for repaying the emergency response costs



Fire police volunteers needed

With spring in the air, we begin to prepare for community events kicking off with the Memorial Day parade and following with Heritage Day, the Halloween parade, and the Festival of Lights. If you can afford a little time, the Orwigsburg Fire Police could use your help to make these events run safely. Interested? Call 570-366-2473 to find out more.

In need of health aids?

Are you or a loved one in need of any of these items to aid in recovery from illness or surgery?

- Wheelchair
- Walker - stationary & folding
- Hospital bed - manual & electric
- Cane - single and multi-legged
- Crutches
- Shower seat
- Bedside commode/bedpan
- Over-toilet seat with handrails
- Temporary tub hand rail
- Recliner chair with auto-lift seat



The Orwigsburg Lions' "Health Equipment Loan Program" provides these items to local residents at no charge as a community service. To arrange a loan, call Larry Dagna at 570-617-6149 or Walt Schimpf at 570-366-07849.

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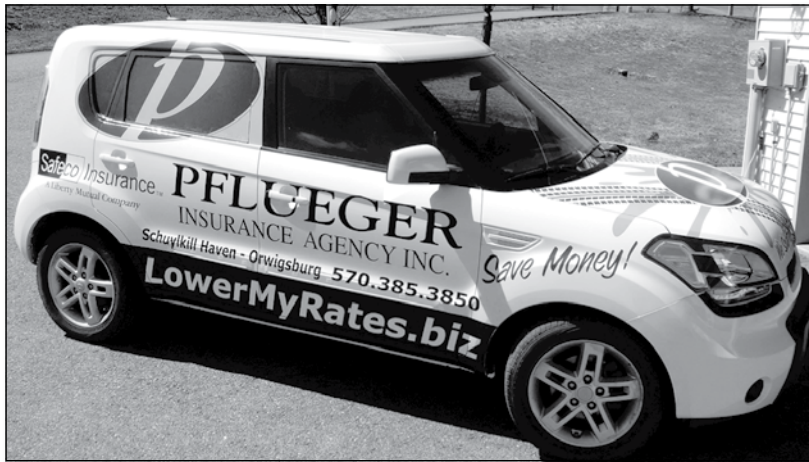
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Getting the word out

We use the Borough website www.orwigsburg.net as a valuable tool to keep residents and property owners informed about the happenings in the Borough. Our staff will keep the home page current with news on upcoming events and information on past events in the Borough.

The website lists borough meeting schedules. Minutes from these meetings are posted after they have been reviewed and approved by the appropriate body. The subdivision and zoning codes are also available for all to view. Numerous forms are also available, including applications for Albright's Woods usage. Trash day pickup changes will also be posted. Links to other websites, such as the Lions Club, library, churches and fire company are on the website.



The website also includes a link allowing residents to enter their contact information into the borough's Swiftreach 911 emergency notification system. This site allows the Borough to notify residents via telephone, text message and e-mail of boil water advisories, weather emergencies or any other emergencies

in a prompt manner. In 2013 we also used the emergency notification system to remind residents to be careful when they are solicited by people they don't know for utility services or home repairs.

If you prefer, you may complete the following Data Update Form and return it to Borough Hall. The office will update your information for you.

Swiftreach 911 Data Update Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____ Cell: _____

Cell Phone Carrier (required to receive Text Message): _____

Email Address: _____

RETURN TO: Orwigsburg Borough
PO Box 128
Orwigsburg, PA 17961

The Borough also takes advantage of Social Media to provide information. "Like" the Borough on its Facebook page and stay up-to-date with what is happening in your community. Emergency information can also be received via Twitter by following @OrwigsburgMgr.



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Independence Square

The Borough, in conjunction with Barefield Development, has resubmitted an application to the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency, for tax credits to fund the conversion of the vacant Fessler Knitting Mill into elderly apartments. The plan calls for converting the building into 20 apartments with additional space available for a permanent home for the Orwigsburg Free Public Library. We believe we have a strong application and look forward to a favorable decision from PHFA before June 30.



INDEPENDENCE SQUARE - Site of proposed senior living apartments on Independence Street.

Market Street Resurfacing.

In 2013 the legislature passed the Comprehensive Transportation Funding Reform Act, now known as Act 89. The bill provides funds for numerous transportation needs throughout the state. Last month, PennDOT notified the Borough that Rt. 443 and Market Street, from the Rt. 61 jughandle to Lincoln Avenue in the Borough, will be resurfaced as a result of Act 89.

Borough officials have been in contact with transportation officials and others to urge the remaining portion of Rt. 443 in the Borough be scheduled for resurfacing as soon as possible. As information is learned we will post it on Facebook and future issues of *Orwigsburg Happenings*.

South Wayne St. project

Over the past several months the Borough has been in conversation with a property owner, Verizon and PPL about a project to make significant improvements to South Wayne St. from the intersection with S. Liberty St to a point near the storage buildings, south of Independence St.

The project will include installation of sub-surface drainage on Wayne from Warren Street to S. Liberty St. Four utility poles along the vacant parcel across from Boyer's Food Market will be relocated to allow for sub-surface drainage and the widening of that portion of

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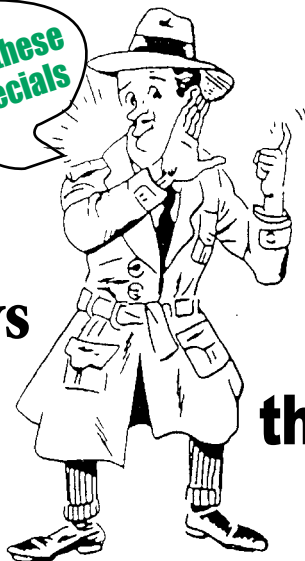
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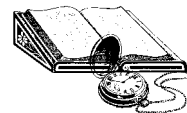
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SOUTH WAYNE ST. PROJECT - A proposed strip shopping center on this vacant lot off South Wayne Street will help pay for street and drainage improvements.

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Wayne St. The final step will be the resurfacing of the entire project area.

The lack of sub-surface drainage and traffic congestion have been problems in this area for many years. We look forward to completing this project and the improvements it will provide to the residents and folks who use the streets for travel.

The project is being funded through Liquid Fuels funds, funds provided to the Borough by the Southern Schuylkill Council of Governments designated for public improvements, and a contribution from the private property owner.

Team Orwigsburg

Team Orwigsburg, the local faith-based mission volunteer group, has recently returned from Crisfield, Md. Helping to "heal hearts and homes," this is the second trip to that town since Hurricane Sandy damaged dozens of homes in that blue collar area in August 2012.

The trip consisted of one week of working on new roofs for homeowners, upgrading electrical work inside and outside their homes, drywalling, painting and plumbing.

This was Team Orwigsburg's tenth mission trip outside Schuylkill County, but the team also works on many "at home" projects as well. The team participated in the annual United Way Day of Caring this year and always enjoys helping in other ways in Schuylkill County.

Meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Salem United Methodist Church. New volunteers are always welcome.

An International Dinner fundraiser will be hosted May 17 from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Center of St. John's United Church of Christ, East Market St. Open to everyone in the community, a free-will offering will be appreciated to continue the work of Team Orwigsburg. Take-outs will be available.

The team is planning more fundraisers throughout the year and will be announced in upcoming *Orwigsburg Happenings* issues.

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Large item disposal

One large item may be placed at the curb beside your regular trash once per month.

Regular trash consists of up to six bags of garbage and up to ten bags of leaves. Residents should place trash at the curb any time after 6 p.m. on evenings prior to collection. Because pickup times vary, do not wait until the morning of collection to place garbage.

| Month | Tues. | Fri. |
|-------|-------|------|
| May | 13 | 16 |
| June | 10 | 13 |
| July | 8 | 11 |
| Aug. | 12 | 15 |

LARGE ITEM PICKUP DATES

Construction materials (shingles, drywall, cabinets, insulation, etc.) may not be placed at the curb with your regular trash. You must get a dumpster which can be leased from the borough's trash collector, Kreitzer Sanitation at 570-366-6360.

Recycling electronics

The Covered Device Recycling Act of 2010 prohibits landfill disposal of desktop computers, laptop computers, computer monitors, computer peripherals and televisions. If these items are placed on the curb for pickup, Kreitzer Sanitation will not take them. Schuylkill County will accept the items for recycling

during its annual fall cleanup at various locations throughout the county.

Residents may also take computers and components to Staples in Cressona. TVs up to 32 inches may be taken to Best Buy stores in Reading, Harrisburg and Wilkes-Barre.

Electronics recycling events are held periodically by the Schuylkill County Office of Solid Waste. When dates and locations are known they will be posted on the borough website and Facebook page.

Dumpster? You need a permit

Any resident who rents a dumpster and places it on the street is required to fill out a dumpster permit prior to dumpster delivery. Permits are available at the borough office at a cost of \$5. The permit is good for three weeks; another permit is required for additional time. Four (4) reflectors are required on each side of the dumpster, and dumpster wheels must be placed on 3/4" thick pieces of wood so as not to damage the road surface.



Help us help you

It shall be the responsibility of property owners in the Orwigsburg Borough to number their buildings. The number needs to be placed over/under each front door, or front transom bar or glass or front show window, over or on either side of the entrance or upon a

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| May 24 – Fleet Week @ Intrepid Sea-Air-Space Museum | \$58 |
| June 4 – Patsy Cline Tribute @ Ehrhardt's includes Meal | \$76 |
| June 8 – Charles Town Races & Slots \$20 FSP | \$38 |
| June 15 – Marty Stuart & Connie Smith @ American Music Theatre | \$75 |
| June 18 – SHREK The Musical @ Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre | \$76 |
| June 21 – Platters – Tymes – Drifters @ American Music Theatre | \$73 |
| June 21-22 – Seneca Lake Wine Trail (includes 4-Meals & Lake Cruise) .. | \$277 p/p dbl |
| June 22-23 – Turning Stone Resort & Casino (Bingo or Casino Pkg) .. | \$169 p/p dbl |
| June 23-25 – Lucyland . . . You'll Have A Ball w/Many Highlights | \$479 p/p dbl |
| June 28 – 'Under the Streetlamp' (Lead Members of Jersey Boys) @ AMT | \$67 |
| Jun 29-Jul 3 – Ocean City Maryland @ Quality Inn Boardwalk | \$603 p/p dbl |
| July 11-13 – Marriott Marquis in New York City (ALL FREE TIME) | \$469 p/p dbl |
| July 13-17 – The Inn at Crumpin-Fox, MA (replaces Horizon Inn) | \$646 p/p dbl |
| Vermont itinerary with Inn Keepers Ana & Cliff Kaiser formerly from the Horizon Inn | |
| Aug 12 – Tropical Costa Rica presentation (Travel Dates March 21-29, 2015) .. | Reserve |
| Sep 14-18 – Cape Cod / Provincetown / Hyannis / Chatham / | \$713 p/p dbl |
| Martha's Vineyard OR Nantucket Island | |
| Oct 1-3 – Mohegan Sun & Newport, Rhode Island MANSIONS ... | \$281 p/p dbl |
| Nov 29-Dec 3 – Smoky Mountain Christmas in Pigeon Forge | \$670 p/p dbl |
| Dec 7-9 – Niagara Falls Festival of Lights with 3-Shows | \$513 p/p dbl |
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Proper disposal of Old Glory

Used flags may be brought to the borough office for proper disposal. Place flags inside the designated mailbox-like container in front of the borough building.

Request for cones

Cones are available for use from the Borough. A cone request form must be filled out and is available from the borough office. Forty-eight hours notice must be given to allow time to get the cones delivered to their location and signs to be made to be placed on the cones.

Owner/tenant forms

Reminder to all landlords: Orwigsburg Borough Ordinance #396 requires that every owner/lessor of any apartment, house or other type of rental building shall register with the Borough every year. If any tenant

moves from the dwelling during the year, the owner shall notify the Borough within thirty (30) days of said changes. Forms are available at the borough office or from the borough website: www.orwigsburg.net

In addition, landlords living in excess of 20 miles from the Borough must designate a local manager for the property. This individual must live within 10 miles of the borough.

Albright's Woods

It is time to begin planning that spring or summer 2014 event. The pavilion at Albright's Woods is available for rent for your graduation party, family reunion or other event. Albright's Woods is located on Grove Street in Orwigsburg. The park has a pavilion with picnic tables and a kitchen available for use. Rental fee for the kitchen is \$75, \$25 of which is a returnable security deposit. If the kitchen is not needed, a \$25 fee is charged. For further details or to make a reservation to use the park in 2014, call the borough office at 570-366-3103.

Take care of your property

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Weeds are defined as all grasses, annual plants and vegetation, other than trees or shrubs provided; however, this term does not include cultivated flowers and gardens.

The property owner must also maintain weeds appearing between sidewalk blocks and between the curb and the street.

Curb your animal

Borough Ordinance 299 prohibits pet owners from allowing their pets to defecate on another property without removing the feces from that property. Those violating this ordinance can be fined up to \$600.

Many residents take advantage of the parks and walking trail and are discouraged by the lack of consideration shown by some pet owners.

Meter reading

Many water meters are read from a remote reading register attached to the building and connected to the meter. Borough Ordinance 310 requires these units be accessible to the Borough. Landscaping around your remote reading register needs to be maintained so as to not restrict free access.

Utility bills

As this newsletter is being published, the due date

for quarterly utility bills is fast approaching. It is the responsibility of all property owners to pay their bills in full by the due date printed on the invoice.

The Borough relies on these payments in order to meet the debt service and operating costs for the water, wastewater and sanitation services. If a bill is not paid after a short grace period, collection efforts will be initiated. If efforts to collect payments are unsuccessful, additional steps could include interruption of service and/or a lien placed on your property. Property owners are responsible for all costs incurred to collect past due obligations.

To avoid these actions and additional costs, property owners must make payment arrangements with the Borough. Have accounts up to date or a payment arrangement in place by then to avoid loss of service.

Master Gardener Helpline

Do you have a question about your trees, flowers, shrubs, lawn, garden soil, vegetables, pH, insects or disease on your plants? The Penn State Master Gardener volunteers are available at the Schuylkill County Cooperative Extension office on Monday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. beginning Mon., April 1 through Friday, Sept. 26. Master Gardener volunteers will help you answer your lawn, landscape, and garden questions. Call 570-622-4225, ext. 20 and ask for the Master Gardener line or E-mail: schuylkillmg@psu.edu




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Orwigsburg Area Free Public Library

The Orwigsburg Area Free Public Library has been a whirlwind of activity and the staff continues to plan a fun, busy time for the summer.

This summer's reading program - Summer Reading - Fizz, Boom, Read! - is specifically geared to preschool and elementary age children and offered June 10 through August 5 every Tuesday beginning at 11 a.m.

Additional summer programs include:

- Meaghan's Fun Monday Math - This 5-week program for first through fourth grade students will be held every Monday afternoon at 4 p.m. from June 16 through July 14. This program, with hands-on activities and creative learning, will build, strengthen and help retain math knowledge over the summer.
- Wednesday Morning Story Hour - Especially prepared for school-age children, Rachel will lead this special activity every Wednesday in July beginning at 11 a.m.
- Lego Club continues to meet the second Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m.
- Knit one and pearl, too! Join the knitters group every Tuesday at 6 p.m. Beginners to seasoned crafters are welcome!
- Mahjong enthusiasts play every first, third, and fifth Wednesdays of each month at 6 p.m. Don't know how to play? Come and find out.

Join the monthly Book Club. It meets on a selected Monday. Call the library for more information.

Special Thurs. programs - 6 p.m.

"Beware!" - On May 15, an M&T Bank representative will offer tips and guidance to guard against fraud.

"New Perennials" - Master Gardener Clara Zimmer will offer her expertise on May 22.

"Horses!" - Meet and greet with Western Riders on May 29.

"Dr. Hugo" - On June 19, enjoy an interactive, family magic show!

"PA Renaissance Faire" - A special program on June 26 will discuss this fascinating experience. Ages 10 to 18 can earn free tickets.

"Extremely Mental" - This show on August 14 is geared to challenge and amaze teens and adults.

That's just a start! Who knows what other fun events will be taking place at the Orwigsburg Area Free Public Library this summer. New events and happenings are always being planned.

To stay up-to-date, visit the library website... www.orwigsburglibrary.org and like us on Facebook.

Hours for the Orwigsburg Area Free Public Library, 214 E. Independence St., are Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.-

Stop in and visit the Orwigsburg Area Free Public Library soon!

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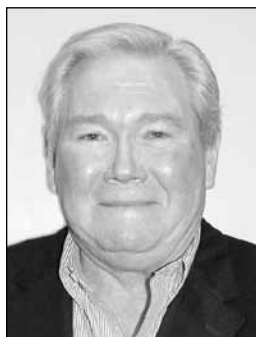
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Message from the Orwigsburg Mayor

Tribute and Honor – Join in Memorial Day

May, to me, has always been a frenzied month. Cold and wet weather usually carries far enough into April to keep me from really digging into all the outdoor things I've put off through the winter.



BARRY J. BERGER
Mayor

On top of trying to catch up with work and yard chores, May weekends all seem to revolve around civic events and family occasions marking Mother's Day, graduations, birthdays, weddings and the like.

The last weekend of May has been a particularly favorite time of year for me. The unofficial start of the summer, Memorial Day weekend, always involved a "kick off" of some sort ... be it hauling out the front porch furniture, launching a boat at the Auburn Dam, the first pitch of Little League season, the year's first picnic or the start of the fire departments' block party rotation.

Memorial Day, alone, has been the key to significant memorable times. Some years, I tagged along with my grandparents as they made the rounds to scattered local cemeteries to place flowers on ancestral graves. The "decorations" of Decoration Day honored the memory of those gone ahead, laid with an

accompanying anecdote or family history lesson. And though I never met most of those folks, they lived on through the recollections.

My highlight of Memorial Day was (and still is) the first fifteen minutes of the parade. As kids, my cousins, siblings, and I would wait on my grandparents' Washington Street front porch until we heard the first official drum beats signaling the start of the procession.



We'd scramble up to the old Reformed & Lutheran Cemetery, joining another dozen and a half kids to watch the colors being presented and listen as the Rehrersburg Band played a hymn. We'd watch the firing squad maneuver into volley fire formation, listening to the commands, the rifle reports, and the ring of ejected cartridges hitting the macadam.

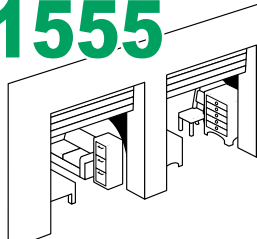
And as soon as the last mournful note of "Taps" faded into the morning air, we would immediately launch a full assault aimed at recovering all 21 pieces of warm brass lying at the cadenced, combat-booted

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feet of the firing squad members. We would then flank the squad down Washington Street to Saint John's and Saint Paul's cemeteries and twice repeat the same ceremony, totally respectful right up to the chaotic conclusion. I became an early acquaintance of my father's fellow squad members by these actions. After a few years went by, most of them were even friendly toward me.

In that light, we should all extend sincere gratitude to the members who served with the Orwigsburg VFW and American Legion Firing Squad and Color Guard. They do what they have done so that we don't forget those whose sacrifices enable our rights and liberties. And from my memories, I'd say they've done that, outstandingly.

Thanks, too, to all the folks who have been involved with making Orwigsburg's annual Memorial Day observance a truly iconic celebration of our community's values. The depth of cooperation necessary to make this event happen as seamlessly as it does, happens year after year.

– Barry J. Berger, Mayor

p.s. My thanks to former Mayor Harry Moore; past squad commander, Dave Moore; squad commander, "Bucky" Daniels; Ken and Marlene Schneck; and my dad, Jay Berger, for their help with color guard and firing squad history. Information gathered will be made available when completed.

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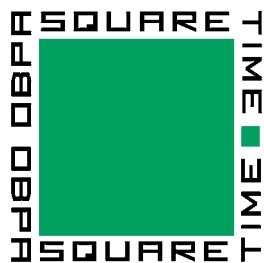
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June Bug Jamboree - June 12

The summer Square Time events kick off with the June Bug Jamboree on Thursday, June 12 from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. and will feature local wine, food, and artisans.



Step out for a night with artists while they share their creations. Regional restaurants and wineries will be offering their specialties. Cold beer will be available and fantastic live music will be provided. A silent auction will feature great prizes awaiting the bidder. It's an evening for all ages as young-

sters can show off their creative side with the Art In A Box contest.

Family Fun Fest - August 7

It's carnival fun for all at the Family Fun Fest slated for Thursday, August 7, from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Come and enjoy fun, food and family entertainment. Games, music, balloon animals and a bike parade/decorating contest will be featured. The "Jock-ular Juggler" will be on hand to amaze and make us laugh. He has been featured on the David Letterman Show, America's Funniest People, and network television morning shows among others.

Heritage Celebration - Sept. 6

Both the old and the new will be featured at this year's Heritage Day. To honor a fresh new start to our town's event, the OBPA Events Committee voted to change the name of Community Heritage Day to the "Orwigsburg Heritage Celebration." The event will be held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 6.

Along with the new name will be a new route. The celebration will still be anchored in the Community Square (M&T Parking Lot), but will now extend up Warren St. towards the Borough Hall and onto Mifflin St. This change means the roads can be safely blocked from traffic and allow all to "party in the streets." The Orwigsburg Historical Society can be better showcased and the extra space will allow for many more

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past. More details will become available closer to the Heritage Celebration day.

Among the live music and performers will be Strawberry Hoops, taking hoola hoop dancing to the next level and includes stilt walking and fire hoops. Disney will be coming to Orwigsburg with roving characters and princesses throughout the day.

Vendors of all kinds and great local cuisine will again be featured. Those wanting to secure booth space should contact Pat Falco by calling 610-462-9168 or e-mail at orwigsburgbusinesspa@gmail.com. The event planners meet once a month and welcome volunteers to help make these events both fantastic and fun.

Council President

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As always, these events could not take place without numerous volunteers working behind the scenes. Help make all their hard work successful by participating in these events. While you enjoy these activities, please remember to thank those who have given up their private time to help everything run smoothly.

As Harlan Rump retires, I want to thank him for his years of service with our streets crew. Please wish Harlan the best as he retires and success in all his future endeavors.

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Shaded days are trash collection days

Tuesdays - Market Street and north; Fridays - south of Market Street

Large item collection, once per month

Convenient, single-stream curbside recycling is available to residents every two weeks on the designated trash pickup day. Recyclables should be separated from other household trash and placed in the container provided by the Borough and Kreitzer Sanitation, or in a container of the property owner's choice clearly designated for recycling.

Single-stream recycling means items can be co-mingled in one container/recycle bin without the need for separation.

Materials for recycling are collected curbside every two weeks on your designated trash pickup day (see calendar schedule above). Simply place your



recycling bin beside your other trash containers and yard waste.

Use the following guidelines to prepare recyclables for pickup:

- Newspapers and mixed paper should be bundled or placed in a paper or clear plastic bag in order to keep them secure.
- Cardboard should be flattened and bundled.
- Take steps to ensure paper, cardboard and plastic, etc. do not blow around to neighboring properties or streets.
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- Aluminum beverage cans should be rinsed and crushed. Steel cans need only be rinsed. Leave labels in place.
- Plastic soda bottles and milk jugs should also be rinsed and crushed.
- Be considerate of the streetscape view in your neighborhood; store your recycling container to the side or back of your property or residence.

After following these instructions, combine all materials in one recycling container and place curbside after 6 p.m. the evening before pickup. Recyclables must be in their special container separate from household trash because a separate collection truck is used.

Given the convenience of single-stream recycling, the number of occupants in your household, and the volume collected for recycling, residents may find the need for a smaller or larger container. The borough has two sizes available.

Contact the Borough Office at 570-366-3103 during phone office hours 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, to arrange for a different recycling container or for additional information.


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Community Memorial Hall Improvements

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The new metal roof and insulation system to be installed will extend beyond the main roof to enhance the curb appeal and minimize exterior façade improvements. Most importantly, it will eliminate the various leaks that have plagued the existing flat roof over the kitchen and entry-way (ticket booth area). Grant funding will cover most of the work, but additional funding is still needed to finish the exterior improvements. This construction will take place throughout the summer.

A grant application was recently submitted to assist with the exterior recreational improvements planned as part of the overall site work to occur next spring/summer. Once the work on the exterior of the building is complete, overall site development will move to the outdoor basketball court, drainage improvements, concrete curbs, sidewalks, and play equipment to create an organized and methodical layout for access and parking.

Help us to raise the funds

The Task Force continues the need to raise funds for its "local match" as part of the grant funding packages. Upcoming fun events will provide entertain-

ment and help to rebuild the Veterans Community Memorial Hall.

The upcoming Derby Day, the largest planned fundraiser, will be held Sat., July 19. The day consists of an all-ages Home Run Derby event on the Little League Field in the morning and a Kentucky Derby theme semi-formal event at the Schuylkill Country Club that evening.

The annual Memorial 5K Run/Walk will be in conjunction with the Orwigsburg Heritage Celebration September 6. Watch the task force website and Facebook for sponsorship and registration opportunities.

Provide sustaining funding support by becoming a "300 Club" member. Those who are financially able are asked to commit a \$1,000 contribution over three years (\$333 annually for three years - less than \$1/day).

Additional donation levels for Community Memorial Hall are shown on the project brochure that can be viewed on the taskforce website at www.orwigsburgmemorial.org and on Facebook.

The Veterans Community Memorial Hall continues to move forward, but continued support is needed to complete this project. This facility will better serve our community and honor our veterans. The building is open for use and was utilized extensively over the winter months by many groups and organizations.

- Greg Stewart, Task Force President



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Orwigsburg Historical Society

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Tonya Harding won the national figure skating championship title but was stripped of her title following an attack on her rival Nancy Kerrigan. The "chunnel" between England and France opened. O.J. Simpson fled police in a

white Ford Bronco. The Major League Baseball Players Assoc. began a 232-

day strike, cancelling the 1994 season. And, the Orwigsburg Historical Society was founded.

Programs planned this year

Archaeological Show & Tell - Francis Burke will present his most recent archaeological discoveries and will offer his expert opinion on participants' discoveries on Wednesday, May 28 beginning at 7 p.m.

The Orwigsburg Road Show Appraisal Fair will

be held Wednesday, June 25 from 4 to 8 p.m. with appraiser/auctioneer George Blum at the Orwigsburg Veterans Community Memorial Hall. The evening will include a southern-style barbeque dinner of ribs, chicken, homemade soups and more for "eat-in" or takeout.

A visit to the museum

The society's museum is open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from noon to 4 p.m. and Friday from noon to 3 p.m. In addition to artifacts related to the history and culture of Orwigsburg, you will discover information, photographs, and displays focusing on the history of southern Schuylkill County. The society's holdings include rare publications on the early history of Schuylkill County, cemetery records, and DAR information.

The museum is available for private and group tours. The "Community Center" can also accommodate small groups for luncheons and meetings. For additional information or to schedule a tour, call 570-617-7809.

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Historical Society

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Following is an annual membership form. To become a member and supporter to preserve the heritage and history of the greater Orwigsburg area, it's as easy as completing the form and sending it with your donation to: Orwigsburg Historical Society, 109 East Mifflin St., Orwigsburg, PA 17961.



Each year it becomes increasingly more difficult to maintain our historic headquarters and keep the museum open to the public. The cost of heating, building maintenance, and other utilities continue to increase at a rapid rate. As you all know, this past winter was particularly difficult with oil and electricity costs continually rising. A

donation in any amount will help to keep your society and museum alive.

Honor a friend or loved one

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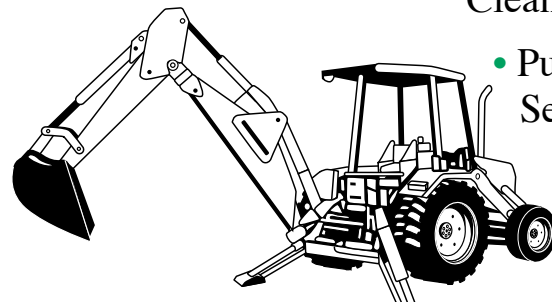
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- Check fire extinguishers and have them recharged if necessary.
- Review and practice your family's fire escape plan. Know two exits from each room and have a designated meeting place outside where the family will assemble in the event of an actual fire.
- Do not overload extension cords or outlets.
- Fuel for lawn mowers and garden equipment should be stored only in approved safety containers.
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- When lighting your gas grill, be sure the lid is in the open position.
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- Get rid of old newspapers, magazines and junk mail. They tend to pile up and can add to the risk of a fire.
- Make sure your house number is posted on your home and is visible from the street.
- Check to make sure that you have a working flashlight and a portable radio for use during severe storms.

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– Dave Hardinger, Fire Chief

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State Senator David G. Argall

New laws fight child abuse in the state

In light of the recent troubling abuses documented in the case against Jerry Sandusky, the General Assembly made a concerted effort to strengthen and improve existing laws dealing with child abuse.



SENATOR
DAVID ARGALL

The state Task Force on Child Protection, consisting of experts and concerned citizens alike, provided numerous suggestions over the past two years to the state legislature. Over the past couple years, the state has enacted significant reforms, including three recently.

One new law establishes a statewide database of protective services. This comprehensive database will give professionals and proper officials the tools to identify children in need across the state. The database will be comprised of reports of child abuse, legal actions taken to stop the reported abuses, and other helpful information related to child abuse.

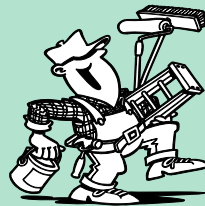
Another reform measure provides professionals with training to identify indications and early signs of child abuse in order to report it to proper authorities. Currently, school employees are required every

five years to complete training to notice signs of child abuse.

Utilizing unused funding from the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program, approximately \$400,000 will be provided as an additional investment to children's advocacy centers across the state. Often the first line of defense, these centers provide mental health care and medical care for neglected children as well as an outlet for children to tell their stories of child abuse to properly trained professionals, leading to a longer prosecution for the offender.

These three new reforms are part of a package of proposals to protect children in Pennsylvania. I believe with these new laws and others under consideration in the Capitol that the state can be a leader when it comes to protecting our future generation.

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FOUND IN THE WOODS – These gnomes were carved from a tree trunk at the Ridge Road home of John (shown left) and Michelle Morgan by master chainsaw artist Todd Gladfelter, right. A carved Great Horned Owl was crafted on an adjacent stump and two toadstools were carved from a third.

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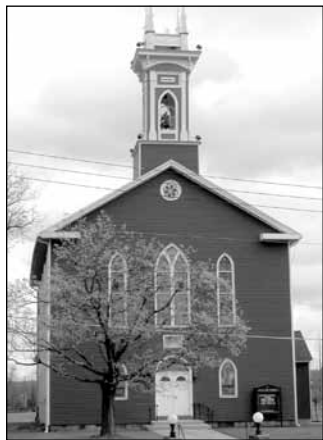
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Zion's Red Church

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome at Zion's Red Church, 1287 Centre Turnpike (Rt. 61 and Brick Hill Road), Orwigsburg! Zion's offers a traditional style of worship with a creative interactive flair. The congregation



is a union of Evangelical Lutheran and United Church of Christ denominations.

Come as you are. Sunday worship begins each week at 10:30 a.m., preceded by Sunday school and adult Bible study at 9:15 a.m. Creative, interactive elements are a part of all worship services helping all to focus on weekly scripture readings. Sometimes a member will share their faith story and

how God has made a difference in their life. Pentecost Holy Communion will be celebrated June 8.

The church's annual White Elephant Rummage and Bake Sale will take place, rain or shine, on June 15 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For sale will be gently-used household items, toys, children's items, and will include raffle baskets as well as snacks for sale.

A unique Vacation Bible School experience for the whole family will be held Monday, July 7 through Thursday, July 10, each evening beginning with a casual meal at 6 p.m. then meeting until 8:30. Children and adults are invited to learn of "Filling Your Bucket," a series on kindness, friendships and bullying prevention. All are welcome. Call the church office to sign up or help.

Prayer Circle meets Wednesdays, usually twice per month, for a time of contemplative and active prayer with intercessions for members and friends. Meeting at 5:30 p.m., the summer sessions will be held May 14 and 28, June 11 and 25, and July 16.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

For more details on these and other church activities, and to reserve the church grove for your next event, visit the website: www.zionsredchurch.org or call 570-366-1178.

Salem UMC

Salem United Methodist Church, where "Liberty meets Independence" at 133 S. Liberty St., Orwigsburg offers three unique worship services each Sunday (see advertisement this issue). Many small group activities offer something for everyone, including Sunday school at 10 a.m. for all ages, children's church at 10:45 for grades one through five, and nursery services available at 10:45 for infants through five years old.

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Upcoming special events include a special treat honoring all moms on Mother's Day, May 11, during both morning worship times. Our God Squad will be performing some popular songs for all. A special gift will be given to all women, age 18 and up. The following Sunday, May 18, will be a special day to recognize our graduating students.



Salem youth will participate with other local church groups in the 30-hour Famine in Pottsville on Friday and Saturday, May 30-31. Want to join in? Contact the church office at 570-366-0201.

The month of July brings some exciting events with all welcome. The fifth annual Christmas in July sale will be held Saturday, July 12 from 8 a.m. to noon on the parish house porch (across the street from the church). This is a re-gifting sale. New or never used goods, handmade items, and more have all been donated for whatever price the buyer wishes to pay as a donation supporting the summer's end block party. The annual Worship in the Woods (Albright's Woods) with a service at 10:30 a.m. is fol-

lowed by a picnic lunch.

Vacation Bible School week follows beginning Monday, July 14 through July 18. This year's Youth Mission trip to Philadelphia follows during the week of July 21. The following week of July 21 marks this year's Youth Mission Trip to Philadelphia. All are welcome. Contact the church office for sign-up forms.

And, of course, the summer would not be complete without our annual Block Party on Sunday, August 31 from 3 to 7 p.m. All the fun takes place outside on the street and it is all FREE. Come spend some time enjoying the music, food and fun. Look for our posters around town for more details this summer.

Kimmel's Church

Have you noticed there are so many problems in the world around us? It seems that everywhere we look there is bad news - countless shootings, political scandals, missing airliners, foreign power controversies, child abuse, slavery, and many more!

Quite understandably, one might ask "Why do these things happen?" and "If God is a good God, then why would he allow bad things to happen?"

It takes an understanding of "love" to grasp the answer to that question. God loves us ... and because he wants us to love him also, he had to make us with what we call "free will." We show God that we love him by choosing to live the way he called us to in His word. With the free will that he gives us, we have the

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option to make good choices or bad.

While many people show God they love him, there are also many who want nothing to do with God. We are all smart enough to understand the choices we make not only impact ourselves, but also the people around us. When bad choices are made, they have the potential to affect not only one, but many others in the process; even those who may be innocent bystanders. The unescapable reality is that everyone will always make some wrong choices which leads to what we see all around us in the news and in our personal lives and relationships.

Teenagers from a number of area churches - Kimmels, Salem United Methodist, Christ Church of McKeansburg, Lighthouse, and First United Methodist in Schuylkill Haven - are joining forces to do something about world hunger and hunger right here at home. On May 30-31, teenagers from grades six through 12 will go without food, participating in the 30 Hour Famine. They will, literally, get a taste of

what life is like for the hungry youngsters they will be helping. During those hours teens will be learning about world hunger, sleeping outside in cardboard boxes during the night, and performing community service projects.

The teens have set a goal to raise \$20,000 to that cause, having raised \$15,000 in a similar program last year. Every \$35 dollars raised will help feed and care for a child for a month; \$425 for an entire year. Teens will be contacting family and friends for donations, but anyone can contribute. Contact Kimmels Church to find out how.

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Kimmels Church will hold its summer vacation Bible school from July 20-25.

St. John's United Church of Christ

St. John's United Church of Christ, East Market Street, has been in existence for 182 years and welcomes all to join in worship each Sunday ... "traditional worship for contemporary souls." Members and visitors worship the living God with enthusiasm, then go out into the world prepared to serve in Christ's name.

St. John's is very active in the community as it serves as the home for the Orwigsburg Area Food Pantry, Senior Citizens Center, quilts, yoga classes, a 'gentle' exercise group, Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts meeting place, blood drives two times each year, many health-oriented seminars and other community activities throughout the year. St. John's is also one of the area churches which helps sponsor Team Orwigsburg, a local faith-based mission group.



Sunday school classes are held each week for adults from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. and for children, ages 3 through 6th grade, from 9 to 9:45 a.m. All are invited to worship at 10 a.m. each Sunday and participate in Holy Communion the first Sunday of each month.

Food boxes for the needy are distributed monthly on the third Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. and donations are always needed. Each month, approximately 90 families are helped via this community mission. Financial or canned goods donations can be dropped off at the church office (rear of the church building) on Monday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. or Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. All donations are gratefully accepted.

The Fellowship Center is available for rental and details can be obtained by calling the church office at 570-366-2255. Dates and times of community activities held are available by calling the office, on the website or find on Facebook.

An evening of music is planned in the church Sunday, June 15 beginning at 7 p.m. Local entertainer and St. John's member, Christopher Brossman, will star in concert featuring Broadway and popular music sure to appeal to the music-lover in all. Brossman will headline the event featuring guest musicians and vocalists from the area. His portion of the evening, entitled "Miss-Cast," will highlight his interpretation of songs made popular by some of Broadway and pop music's most famous leading ladies. Trena Murphy



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St. Paul's Lutheran

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The minister of music is Beverly Eiche Kriner. Sunday worship services are held at both 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. and Sunday school at 9:15 a.m. from September through May. Since the retirement of pastor Scholtes, weekly supply pastors conduct the services. Holy Communion is celebrated each Sunday. The church is handicap accessible.

St. Paul's will operate on a summer worship schedule beginning Sunday, June 1 through September 7. During this time there will only be one service at 9:15 a.m.

The church's annual White Elephant Sale will be held Sat., May 17 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., rain or shine. The Men of Saint Paul's will serve breakfast plus Service Ministry and Chef Cody will offer lunch. The Women of the ELCA will be selling beverages, and the youth will man the bake sale table. Craft stands and



tables for children's activities will also be featured. This fun event for everyone in the community helps celebrate St. Paul's 170th year.

The final community concert of the spring season will be held Sun., May 25, featuring a patriotic concert commemorating Memorial Day. The community is invited to this free event. The 7 p.m. concert will be held at the church and feature patriotic readings and music performed by the Orwigsburg Festival Choir,

handbells and brass. The concert is free. No tickets or registration required. The concert series will resume in September. More information is available on the church website or call the church office.

Women of the ELCA focus on the continuing of God's work through Christian learning, action and community awareness. To address these areas, the women have Bible studies, informative speakers and projects with programs open to all women of St. Paul's. The last program of the season will be Tues., May 13 from 1 to 3 p.m. and will feature poetry reading by Jackie Runkle on Spring Fling. Meetings will resume in September.



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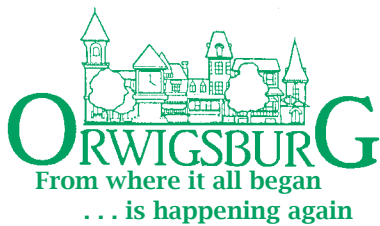
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With regulatory approval recently received, the merger will ensure that Orwigsburg and the southern Schuylkill Area is provided with the highest level of emergency care now and in the future. Emergency services will still be responding 24/7 from our current location in Orwigsburg. For the first time ever, ambulances will be staffed with Paramedics providing Advanced Life Support.

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Orwigsburg Ambulance and Pottsville/Schuylkill Haven Area EMS have been working successfully together for many years, and we are confident that this merger will enable the best possible ambulance services for our residents and visitors.



MERGING BUT NOT LEAVING - The Orwigsburg Ambulance building on East Market St. will continue to house those services following the merger.

The merger will not change any of the subscription benefits for 2014, so it is still very important that interested residents renew their subscription for 2014.

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